

CSWC Operational Period Summary

1800 February 09 2015 to 0600 February 10 2015



Kings Canyon on 02/09/15
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SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events – National

Boston-Area Transit, Schools to Shut Tuesday after Record Snowfall

(Reuters) A record-setting run of snowstorms that has pounded the U.S. Northeast over the past two weeks has taken a heavy toll on Massachusetts, prompting officials to shut Boston's mass-transit service through Tuesday to allow time to clear the rails. Following a day that saw 48 commuters stuck on a snowbound train during the morning rush hour, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority said all train service would shut down at 7 p.m. EST (2400 GMT) on Monday due to the snow and remain shut on Tuesday. The closure of Boston's transit system, as well as its schools, came after officials said 73.9 inches (1.9 meters) of snow had fallen on the city so far this season, making it the 10th snowiest winter on record. At least four buildings collapsed around Boston under the snow's weight, the National Weather Service said, though no injuries had been reported as a result of those incidents.

Hearing for Accused 9/11 Plotters Halted after Infiltration Charge

(Reuters) A U.S. military judge on Monday halted a pre-trial hearing for Guantanamo Bay inmates accused of plotting the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks after one of the accused said his interpreter had worked at a secret CIA prison. The allegation by Ramzi Binalshibh, a 42-year-old Yemeni, adds to contentions by the defense that the U.S. government is attempting to infiltrate its team. The Arabic interpreter is part of the defense team for the five detainees charged in the 2001 attacks that killed almost 3,000 people in the United States. Binalshibh said he recognized the interpreter, Louay Al-Nazer, from his time in a secret Central Intelligence Agency "black site." Binalshibh has been imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay for more than eight years. The hearing was monitored by media over a closed-circuit broadcast at Fort Meade.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events – International

Japan Oks Aid to Foreign Troops' Non-Military Operations

(Reuters) Japan revised its foreign aid charter on Tuesday to allow funding of non-military operations of other country's armed forces as part of its drive for a bigger role in global security. The charter repeated Japan's long-standing policy that foreign aid should not be used for military purposes, but added that aid for armed forces' non-military operations such as disaster relief should be considered on a case-by-case basis. Tokyo has previously extended such aid but it is the first time such a policy has explicitly been stated in Japan's foreign aid charter, a foreign ministry official said. The stance has raised concerns that Japan's overseas aid could, in fact, end up funding foreign military activities. This would allow the country to come to the aid of an ally and pave the way for its troops to fight overseas for the first time since World War Two.

Ukraine Crisis: 'Volunteer Counter-Attack' Near Mariupol

(BBC) Volunteer fighters have told the BBC they have launched a counter-attack against rebels around the port city of Mariupol in eastern Ukraine. The Azov battalion, a volunteer force affiliated with the interior ministry, said it had seized several villages and was advancing on the separatists. The leaders of Ukraine, Russia, France and Germany hope to meet in Minsk on Wednesday to hammer out a peace deal. Russia has warned the West that sending arms to Ukraine will worsen the crisis. US President Barack Obama said on Monday that he had not ruled out supplying arms to Ukraine if diplomacy failed. Russia denies Western and Ukrainian accusations of sending troops and supplying the rebels. The crisis in Ukraine has already claimed more than 5,300 lives and displaced 1.5 million people.

Emirates Launches Airstrikes from Jordan on IS Targets

(AP) The United Arab Emirates' state news agency says the country has launched a series of airstrikes on Islamic State militants from an air base in Jordan. The official WAM news agency quoted the General Command of the UAE Armed Forces saying that the Emirati F-16s carried out the strikes Tuesday morning. It says the fighters returned safely back to base after striking their targets, without elaborating. The Emirates is one of the most prominent members of the U.S.-led coalition against the Islamic State group. American officials say it halted air strikes in December, and Tuesday's statement was the first confirmation it had restarted combat operations.



SITUATION SUMMARY

Round Fire, Inyo and Mono Counties

Per ICS-209, CAL FIRE, and Cal OES Duty Officers as of [02/10/15 at 0606 hours](#):

- Location: West of Highway 395 at the Sherwin Grade, SRA/FRA
- Acreage: 7,000 acres, 95% containment. Expected containment: 02/10/2015
- 40 residences, 3 minor structures destroyed
- 5 residences damaged
- [Mop up and fire suppression repair continues.](#)
- Residents under mandatory evacuation from the Paradise and Swall Meadows areas are being allowed to return to their homes. Residents are aware that power is not fully restored. Edison working to fully restore power.
- A Burn Area Environmental Restoration (B.A.E.R) team is on site, plans are under way to mitigate possible ash, mud, and debris flows. INF- Inyo Nation Forest has expressed concerns regarding the protection of Paiute artifacts in the area.
- [The American Red Cross \(ARC\), the Salvation Army, and County personnel are set up at the Lake Crowley Community Center to offer food, lodging and clothing, and incident related information. This location will likely serve as a Local Assistance Center. Currently the hours of operation are 0700-1900. The need for IA assistance will be discussed and determined tomorrow. Additionally the Salvation Army is operating a clothing bank at the Tri County Fair Ground in Bishop.](#)
- An updated Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) has been submitted to Cal OES and has been placed on hold.
- Law Enforcement Branch Assistant Chief Sherri Sarro tentatively demobilizing today, and Cal OES Southern Region ESC Karla Benedicto remains deployed.

Mission Tasking

- **2015-LAW-8582:** Two Human Remains Detection K9 teams have been requested from San Bernardino County to search the remains of a burned down houses for possible victims that refused to evacuate. No one confirmed missing at this time, but some residents have not been accounted for. Cal OES LDO is coordinating resources.
- Cal OES Duty Officers continue to monitor the incident.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Round Fire, Inyo and Mono Counties (Cont.)

Proclamation

- A Proclamation from Mono County has been received proclaiming the existence of a local emergency due to drought, wind, fire, and storm; which began on 02/06/2015. No requests for CDAA (California Disaster Assistance Act) assistance or State assistance were noted in the proclamation. Sheriff Braun will be submitting a reworded proclamation to address the request for Local Assistance Centers and recovery efforts. [The need for State assistance was addressed on 02/09/15 and will be confirmed today. A Board of Supervisors meeting will take place today at 0900 in Bridgeport, at the time the Proclamation of Local Emergency will be ratified.](#)

State Assistance Requests

- [The need for State assistance was addressed on 02/09/15 at a County Administrators meeting to address Emergency Management and Recovery issues, and the need for State assistance. The meeting was in in Lee Vining at the Community Center at 1300 hours. Communication between Sheriff Braun and IA staff is in progress. Only one Local Assistance Center will be established, plans are to use the Crowley Lake Community Center.](#)

Utilities

- Effective 1805 hours on 02/09/15, CUEA advised full cell service has been restored by Verizon Wireless to the Round Fire areas. [Law Assistant Chief Sherri Sarro advised the ICs and the Verizon crew will speak this morning to confirm and ensure all cell service issues are resolved before the COW asset is demobilized.](#)
- [Southern Californian Edison crews continue working to replace the destroyed power poles and restring downed power lines. The OA has ensured all safety precautions have been taken for repopulating efforts.](#)
- [Electrical power has not been fully restored to the community of Paradise; the continued outage affects approximately 50 homes. Electrical power is fully restored in the community of Swall Meadows.](#)
- The OA Environmental Health Officer issued a boil water notice; as the water delivery systems are being recharged there is a possibility of bacterial infiltration, the Environmental Health Department will be conducting tests.

Recovery

- Power restoration remains progress, crews are working overnight to address issues.
- A generator was sourced, and supplied by Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, to support pumping. The size of the generator is in question, as it may not be powerful enough to pump water at an adequate level to sustain the community . The community will not be repopulated until life safety issues are addressed. A 480kv generator that can support a 10hp system is needed. Law Assistant Chief Sherri Sarro spoke with Law LDO Dennis Smithson about locating this generator should it be needed.
- Disaster Assistance Programs Specialist, Sean Smith (Recovery), is deploying to assist Mono/Inyo County with damage estimates today through Friday

SITUATION SUMMARY

Van Dyke Fire, Mono County

Per ICS-209, CAL FIRE, and Cal OES Duty Officers as of 02/10/15 at 0556 hours:

- Location: Point Ranch, South of Bridgeport
- Unified Command with BLM, USFS, Bridgeport Fire
- 509 acres, 95% contained. Expected containment: 02/10/2015
- 0 structures threatened
- Patrol and mop up underway.
- Shelters: An evacuation shelter has been established at Bridgeport Memorial Hall located at 73 N. School Street, Bridgeport, CA 93517. Current Population Count - 0
- No State resources committed
- 3 Local Government Engines assigned.
- At 1946 hours on 02/06/15, CUEA advised per an on-site Southern California Edison manager, one out-building burned and one regulator building was destroyed in the fire. 748 customers are impacted due to the destroyed regulator building, but 1,500 customers total are impacted by this fire. No estimated time of restoration at this time.
- Power outage in Bridgeport affecting communication infrastructure. Per PSC, a temporary radio fix was installed which restored 911 service to the area. Mono County Sheriff is now taking their own 911 calls. 911 calls were previously sent to alternate PSAP Inyo County Sheriff due to a burned fiber optic cable in the area.
- Per SDO: Sheriff's Dept. advises there is landline service in Bridgeport, but cellular service is intermittent
- Electrical service has been partially restored to Bridgeport, SCE crews are on site.
- Cal OES Duty Officers and CUEA continue to monitor the incident.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Inland Region - 2015 Statewide February Winter Storms

Activations

- The Inland REOC remains at Level 1 activation.

Siskiyou County

- Evacuation order was lifted for Gazelle Trailer park and vicinity. IDE's were assessed on 02/09/15.
- An evacuation shelter has been established and placed at standby at the Siskiyou County Fairgrounds, 1712 Fairlane Road, Yreka.
- There are numerous power outages and trees down countywide in addition to heavy rains and rising creeks.
- City of Dunsmuir experienced flooding along the Sacramento River. Homes were evacuated along Butterfly Avenue. A shelter was opened at the Dunsmuir Community Hall in Dunsmuir. As of approximately 1600 hours on 02/09/15, all evacuations lifted and the shelter has closed.
- No current needs or issues.

Lassen County

- The Lassen Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 2005 River Street, Susanville has experienced significant exterior roof damage from the high winds. Open trusses were exposed in several locations.
- Facility was re-opened late in the afternoon on 02/07/15 with Verbal Ok from State licensing board. Facility has enough room to repatriate the guest and patients in the undamaged building. Transfers were completed by 1800 hours on 02/07/15 and the Shelter/ACS was closed.
- ACS shelter to be picked up today by High Desert State Prison.
- Majority of County power has been restored. They still have remote locations that will take some time to reach and repair.
- Issues with power outages in the Eagle Lake Basin. Local CSD is providing water on back up generators. 3-4 days possible before power restored.
- Lassen is considering a local proclamation with no requests at this time.
- Per Cal OES Telecommunications, the CESRS radio on Shaffer Mountain is back on commercial power. It is not on the state microwave as the link at Bunchgrass (aka Hatchet Mountain, in Shasta County) has lost power. Microwave connectivity is impaired through Black Mt. in southern Lassen County near Plumas County. This will impact communications via the microwave system for CESRS/CLERS/FIRE NET back to Sacramento. Radio techs are conducting repairs at Black Mt. Users of the system will only be able to use the repeaters locally. Technicians are on site to bring the link back up.

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Inland Region - 2015 Statewide February Winter Storms

Plumas County

- A Proclamation from Plumas County has been received due a severe winter storm event bringing high winds and heavy rains resulting in loss of electrical power and communications, road blockages, structural damage, and hazardous material releases.
- Estimates are approximately 67 homes have suffered wind damage. Three schools and six public buildings are known to be damaged as well.
- 8 generators have arrived in Quincy to support PG&E. Arrived and connected to the grid.
- PG&E is working with local OES on outages and durations.
- A spreadsheet of damages is being developed.
- The county continues to evaluate resource needs.
- Power slowly coming up in Chester. No Warming Center on 02/09/15.
- Strike Team of Hand Crews mission tasked to assist in emergency debris/tree removal. Awaiting report on mission closure
- Per Cal OES Telecommunications, CESRS/CLERS/FIRE NET are impacted at Hough Mountain and is on generator power. Technicians are on site to bring the link back up.

El Dorado County

- Localized flooding and multiple power outages are also affecting the county.

Missions

- **2015-IREOC-8532: Lassen:** Supplies are needed from a 50-bed field hospital to support the evacuation of a care home. Resource is located at High Desert Prison. ACS shelter to be picked up today by High Desert State Prison.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Coastal Region - 2015 Statewide February Winter Storms

San Mateo County

2015-CREOC-8572, Coastal Region has put in a mission request for San Mateo County Flooding. They have tasked Caltrans to provide water pumps. A mobile home park is flooding. Eight pumps were secured from San Mateo County. No Caltrans pumps were used. San Mateo County is requesting Caltrans to conduct a hydraulic study.

Mendocino County

- All County Microwave and Public Safety radio systems operational
- FB Microwave on temp power supply
- At approximately 0930 hours on 02/09/15, CUEA reported that 11,000 customers were out of power due to a transmission line failure in Fort Bragg, Mendocino County. At 1204 hours, PG&E emergency staff located and repaired the transmission line fault. As of 1531 hours, PG&E reported that a second transmission line failed after load was put on it. This has resulted in approximately 13,000 outages in Fort Bragg. Alternatives are being worked on which may result in an outage that exceeds 24 hours. Estimated time of repair is unknown until the fault is inspected and repaired.
- Per CDO, Mendocino County reports that Ft Bragg has enough fuel on hand for generators providing power to essential services.
- At 1734 hours, CDO advised per PG&E, the damage is significant but manageable, and there is now 15,000 customers without power between Willits and Fort Bragg. A tree went through the transmission line between Willits and Fort Bragg and that line will be reenergized in the morning. Tonight they are getting the Philo Elk line in place by 2000 hours. That line will then back-feed up to Fort Bragg. They will then be able to address distribution level outages on the Fort Bragg circuits and they anticipate many customers back in power tonight.

Humboldt County

At approximately 1125 hours on 02/09/15, a slide occurred at an easement at the Dogwood Life Station in Redway, Humboldt County. The slide caused a sewer main to become exposed which has the potential to release up to 400,000 gallons of sewage into the Eel River if the slide continues.

- Department of State Hospitals reported there were no impacts from this incident.
- State Parks advised that Department of Fish and Wildlife has been notified.
- The Parks Service is on the scene
- Humboldt County OES has been making notifications to EH&S, CDPH and Department of Fish and Wildlife is also assisting with locating an engineer to respond to the area.
- Humboldt County OES will keep Cal OES advised and request a mission tasking if they cannot locate adequate resources.
- CSWC has notified CDPH and Department of Social Services (who forwarded the information to their Community Care Licensing Division), SWQCB and Cal EPA.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Coastal Region - 2015 Statewide February Winter Storms (Cont.)

Mendocino County (Cont.) – Per DSS 02/09/15 1835 hours, Community Care Licensing Facilities impacted by Fort Bragg Power Outage:

Reswood Coast Senior, Inc.

490 North Harold Fort

Fort Bragg

Capacity# 30

Current Impact Status-9 residents in care-generator

Community Connection

240 North McPherson

Fort Bragg

Capacity#10

Current Impact Status-Not answering phone

Oceanside Villa

550 S Franklin

Fort Bragg

Capacity# 8

Current Impact Status-1 Resident in care-generator

Oceanside Living of Fort Bragg

535 East Chestnut Street

Fort Bragg

Capacity#6

Current Impact Status-5 residents-generator

Oceanside Retirement Living

1370 Navarro Bluff Rd

Albion

Capacity# 6

Current Impact Status-6 residents-generator

Diamonds on the Water

33531 Mavarrp Rodge Rd

Albion

Capacity# 6

Current Impact Status-No residents



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Weather of Concern

Southern California Santa Ana Wind Event

Santa Ana winds will begin early Wednesday morning and continue through Friday, with winds strong and gusty at times. Winds on Wednesday will be strongest through and below the Cajon Pass and into the coastal foothills of the Santa Ana Mountains. Winds will become more widespread and likely the strongest overall on Thursday, especially for San Diego County and the San Geronio Pass area. Winds will then significantly weaken on Friday and end by early Saturday.

Potential Impacts:

- Hazardous driving condition, especially for high profile vehicles along Interstates 8, 10, 15, and Highway 210
- Broken tree limbs, downed trees and power lines, and some structural damage may occur

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www_bc_cal.php

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

Dry conditions and generally mostly clear skies are expected for much of the next week as high pressure builds over the West Coast. However, some high clouds will stream across the area at times including today. Patchy areas of valley fog will form each night and last into the morning hours.

Medford Weather:

Dry weather returns today and is expected to last for at least the next 7-10 days. Areas of patchy fog and low clouds will develop late at night and last through most of the morning hours. This week the forecast area can expect a return of stagnant air in the valleys with warm ridges.

Reno Weather:

Areas of fog may develop this morning due to recent rainfall and clear skies. Otherwise, high pressure building overhead will bring several days of dry weather. A warming trend is expected with temperatures well above normal later this week and into the weekend.

San Francisco Weather:

Building ridge of high pressure combined with a weak offshore flow will lead to increasing temperatures with potential record breaking highs Wednesday through Saturday. Dry weather will continue through Presidents Day weekend with seasonable temperatures. Next chance of rain is slated for the middle of next week.



WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Sacramento Weather:

Dry and warmer conditions return for the remainder of the week.

Hanford Weather:

Dry conditions return as high pressure continues to move into the region today. The high pressure will increase chances for patchy nighttime and morning fog in the San Joaquin Valley daily through next weekend.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

Santa Ana winds will develop today and persist through the remainder of the week as surface high pressure builds into the Great Basin. A warming trend will lead to well above normal temperatures for the second half of the week and into the weekend as high pressure builds aloft. Cooler temperatures and some clouds should return early next week.

Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

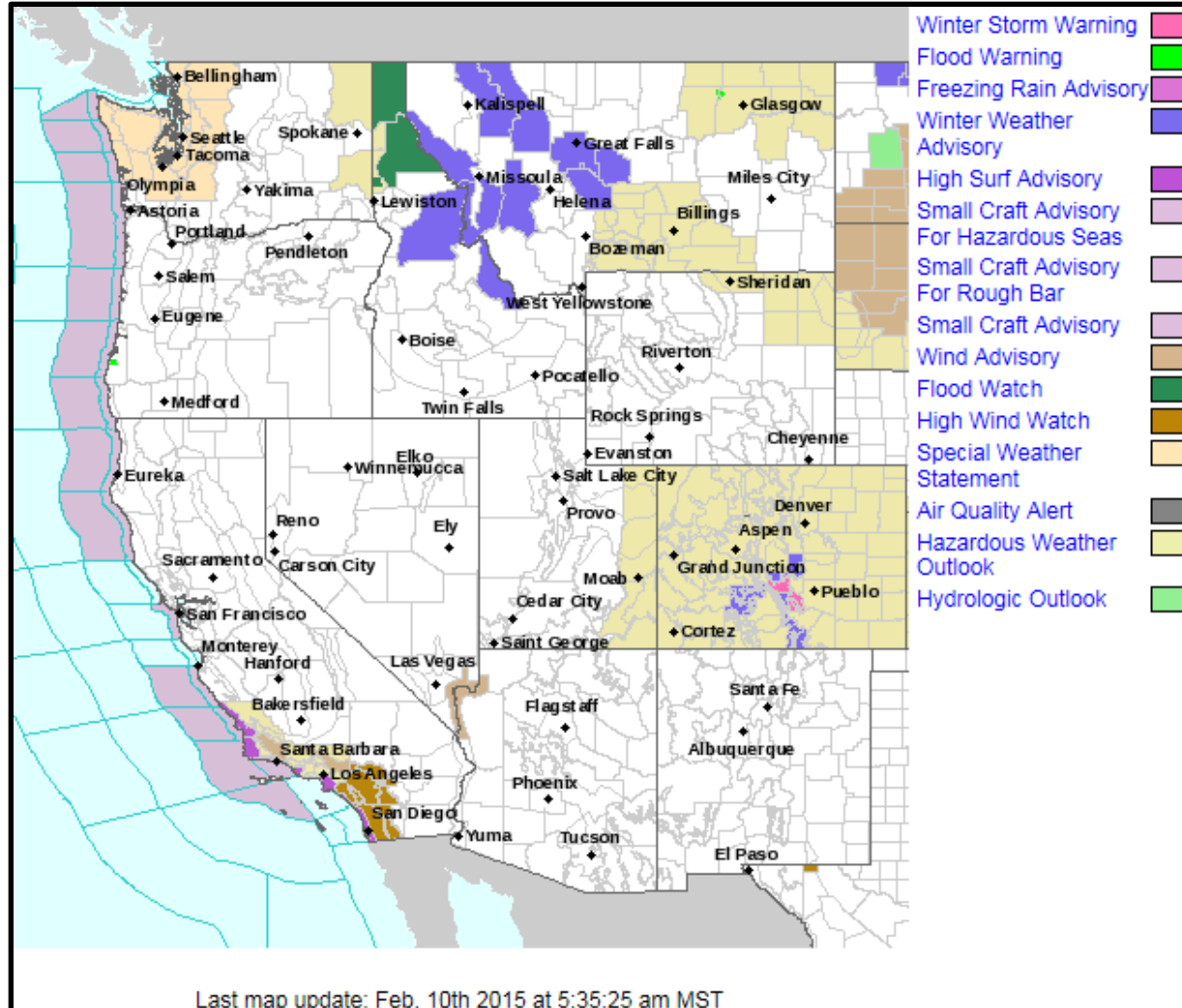
Areas of low clouds and fog will persist through midmorning for beaches and coastal slopes. A ridge of high pressure will develop over the East Pacific late today through the end of the week. This pattern will strengthen offshore flow to develop along and west of the mountains. Temperatures will be much above normal with occasionally strong Santa Ana winds Wednesday through Friday along and west of the mountains. Conditions will moderate by Sunday as an upper level low pressure system moves into Southern California bringing cloud cover and a slight chance for rain showers.

Southeast California Weather:

High pressure will continue to dominate the weather over the region through most of this week resulting in mostly clear skies and much above normal temperatures. High temperatures in the lower to middle 80s will be common with just a short period of slightly cooler temperatures and gusty winds as a weak disturbance passes quickly southward over the forecast area. A turn towards cooler temperatures and more unsettled weather is possible by the weekend as a series of weather disturbances attempt to begin to move inland into the Desert Southwest.



STATE WEATHER MAP



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FIRE ACTIVITY



Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Magnitude 6.0 Earthquake, American Canyon, Napa County

- Cal OES and FEMA announced that the Major Disaster declaration for the South Napa earthquake will also include the Individuals and Households Program under the Stafford Act. This amendment makes assistance available to help homeowners and renters recover from the earthquake.
- As a result of President Obama's major disaster declaration, the U.S. Small Business Administration declared Napa and Solano counties, making residents and business owners eligible to apply for low-interest physical loss disaster loans. This declaration also made available low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) for businesses to apply in the primary counties of Napa and Solano, as well as the contiguous counties of Contra Costa, Lake, Sacramento, Sonoma, and Yolo.

Recovery Activities

Public Assistance

- RPA: 63 RPAs were received by Cal OES of which 5 withdrew resulting in 58 applications submitted to FEMA. There have been 10 withdrawals and one ineligible determination since, for a total of 47 FEMA approved open applications.
- Kickoff Meeting: There is 1 applicant remaining to be scheduled once through FEMA's review queue.
- Currently, 95 PWs are entered into the federal database system, 78 of which have been obligated.
- Exit Briefing: 19 applicants have had Exit briefings conducted.

Individual Assistance

- The FEMA and State VAL continue to work with nonprofit organizations in Napa and Solano Counties regarding Long Term Recovery efforts. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is providing funds to hire initial case management staff for the Napa Earthquake Recovery Group (aka, eNERGy) and the Vallejo Earthquake Recovery Group (VERG). Both Long Term Recovery Groups are seeking funds from partner agencies to assist with unmet needs.
- Assistance Centers – The Local Assistance Center (LAC) in Napa transitioned to an SBA DLOC on Tuesday 12/30/14. The smaller operation maintains a presence by SBA staff. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

2014 Statewide December Winter Storms

- On 12/22/14, Governor Brown proclaimed a State of Emergency in Marin, Mendocino, San Mateo, and Ventura Counties to allow Caltrans to formally request immediate assistance through FHWA's ER Program in order to obtain federal assistance for highway repairs or reconstruction for damages sustained as a result of the statewide storms impacting California. After assessing the damages, Caltrans is requesting the Governor update his proclamation to include Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Los Angeles, Monterey, Orange, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Shasta, Sonoma, Tehama, and Yolo Counties. Cal OES' Recovery Section conducted an assessment to verify the Counties of Lake, Marin, San Mateo, Sonoma, and Tehama's Public Assistance estimates for debris removal, emergency work, and permanent restoration of public facilities in order to determine potential eligibility for State funding.

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a biweekly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.
- Regional (Inland, Coastal, Southern) conference calls will occur once a month beginning February 9, 2015.



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.